

**PATENT APPLICATION**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Batra et al.

Examiner:

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Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned

(Continuation application of  
USSN 09/312,617)

Previous Examiner:

Sharareh, S.

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Previous Art Unit:

For: "COMPRESSED TABLET FORMULATION"

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants request entry of this amendment prior to examination of the above-identified application, which is a Rule 53(b) continuation of USSN 09/312,617. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1 after the Title:

-- This application is a continuation of US Serial No. 09/312,617, filed January 17, 2001, which is a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) of US Serial No. 09/312,617, filed May 17, 1999, now abandoned, which claims the benefit of US Provisional Application No. 60/086,921, filed May 27, 1998.--

Replace the fourth paragraph on page 7 with the following paragraph:

-- The formulation also is bioequivalent to a capsule with a smaller dose (200 mg), and more bioavailable than other tablet compositions. The advantages over the capsule include robust processing and sorting steps, smaller size with a larger dose, and market preference. The

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